

## **Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals**

### **Guidelines for Making Public Comment**

The Advisory Committee on Acoustic Impacts on Marine Mammals will conduct several meetings that are open to public observers. The Committee is comprised of twenty-eight representatives of various constituencies affected by scientific and regulatory efforts regarding activities that produce sound that may affect marine mammals. The public meetings will consist of dialogue among the Committee members, and presentations to inform that dialogue.

Each meeting will have some specific time designated for public comment. Specific times will be indicated on the agenda, which will be posted on the Marine Mammal Commission website in advance of the meeting. The process for making public comment at the meetings will be as follows:

- A sign-up list will be available at each meeting. Public commenters should sign in at the registration table as early in the day as possible to indicate that they would like to make public comment. Those wishing to comment may sign up until 15 minutes before the designated public comment time.
- The time available will be divided equally among those who have indicated their desire to make a public comment.
- Public commenters will be asked to abide by the protocols for the meeting, namely, do not make personal attacks, be concise and on point, and if you wish to disagree, do so respectfully.
- Written comments are accepted at any time.

Committee members will consider issues raised in the public comment sessions throughout their deliberations, but they will not be responding to the comments at each meeting.

Questions?  
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